

## MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1804.

## Legislature of Maryland.

## SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

## HOUSE &amp; DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1803.

THE resolutions in favour of James Neale, Philémon Willis, and others; William Singleton and George Johnston, Benjamin Hatcheson, Thomas Niles, of Simon, the trustee of the state, the supplement to the act to prevent excessive gaming, the bill supplementary to the act to freighten and mend the public roads in Harford county, and the to authorise and empower the levy court of Calvert county to assess and levy a sum of money for the use therein mentioned, were sent to the se-

petition from Walter Worthington, and others, Anne-Arundel county, was read and referred.

Mr. Sheredine delivers a report on the petition of inhabitants of Cecil county, against the petitioners; which was read.

The bill authorising James Summers, late sheriff collector of Caroline county, to complete his colony, and the bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, were severally passed and to the senate.

Mr. Kershner delivers a report on the petition of inhabitants of Washington county, against petitioners, which was read and concurred with.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was passed and to the senate.

A memorial from fifty inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, was referred and read.

The bill authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purchasing ground and building a manse thereon, in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore, was passed and sent to the sen-

ate.

The bill relating to the inspecting of ships, and articles, in the precincts of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and the question put, the house reconsider the first enacting clause of said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "one or within" be inserted in the said clause after the word "extended"? Determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Parker has leave of absence for the remainder of session.

Resolved, That the supplement to the act respecting Fœt lane in the city of Baltimore, be recommended for amendment, and that Mr. Lemon and Chapman be added to the committee appointed to said bill.

The second reading of the additional supplement to the act to regulate elections, The question was put, the words "two days" be inserted in the first clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 34, nays 33.

In progression in reading the said bill, the question put, That the words "provided that nothing in this act prescribing the said elections to be held on the days shall extend to Harford county," be inserted in the said bill at the end of the first enacting clause? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 35, nays 32.

Mr. Harwood delivers a bill to authorise the levy of Anne-Arundel county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read.

Petitions from John Taylor, of the state of Virginia, Thomas Poteet, of Harford county, and William Whittle, of Allegany county, were read and referred.

Resolved, That the order of the day be postponed till tomorrow.

Petition from John Brady, of the city of Baltimore, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a report on the petition of John Monk, and others, against the petitioners; was read and concurred with.

Mr. Forwood delivers a report on the petition of Thomas Poteet, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

Leave given to bring in a bill respecting titles to land decrees of the court of chancery, and to inquire into the titles to land.

A report on the petition of John B. Beall, of Allegany county, was read the second time, the resolutions therein contained assented to.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the petition of John Taylor, against the petitioner; which was read and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill appointing commissioners to lay out the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, &c. the bill for the encouragement of learning in Queen-Anne's county, severally endorsed, "will pass"; which were ordered to be engrossed; the bill enabling the inhabitants of Worcester county to stop Sinepuixent bay, &c. endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments"; which amendments were read; the bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard J. Duckett, &c. the bill to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will not pass"; and the resolution in favour of James B. Sullivan, endorsed, "dissented from."

FRIDAY, DEC. 30, 1803.

Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Lloyd appeared in the house.

Mr. Harwood delivers a bill to lay out a road in Anne-Arundel county therein mentioned; which was read.

The amendments to the bill enabling the inhabitants of Worcester county to stop Sinepuixent bay, &c. and the amendments to the bill to establish pilots, and regulate their fees, were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The following resolutions being propounded to the house, were read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That all proceedings be stayed until the first day of November next, upon a judgment or judgments obtained in the general court for the western shore against the securities of Robert Sinclair, late Sheriff of Allegany county.

Resolved, That the said securities be released from the payment of the nine per cent interest imposed on them provided they pay the balance due on or before the first day of November next, with six per cent interest thereon.

A petition from Arthur Thompson, of Saint-Mary's county, was read and referred.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to examine, in a summary way, upon petition, the circumstances of a public sale made by William Marbury, late agent of the state, of lots No. 14 and 15 of the Choptank Indian lands in Dorchester county, which were purchased by Doctor James B. Sullivan, of the said county, who alleges that the whole, or a considerable part, of said lots, is taken away by intervening lands, and to make such interlocutory order or orders as he may think necessary to a full and correct investigation of the subject, or otherwise right and proper, and to make such final decree as he may judge to be consistent with equity and justice, and that he be also authorised to decree costs against the slate, if he shall think it just and right to do so under all the circumstances of the case; provided, that the said James B. Sullivan shall file his petition to the chancellor on or before the first day of June next.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That all further proceedings against James B. Sullivan, and his securities, on their bonds passed to the slate for the purchase money of lots No. 14 and 15 of the Choptank Indian lands, be suspended until the first day of March, eighteen hundred and five.

The resolutions in favour of John B. Beall were sent to the senate.

The supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill be withdrawn from the hands of the speaker? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The resolutions respecting the government-house were read the second time and assented to.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to,

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have assented to your resolutions of the 26th instant, and have appointed Mr. Dashiel, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Sheredine, on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen named by you to inquire into the

appropriation of the money therein mentioned, and to inquire whether any, and if any, what repairs and furniture are necessary for the preservation of the government-house, and the accommodation of the governor.

A memorial from the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal was preferred and read.

The bill for the relief of Hugh McCay, Samuel Patterson, Wallace and George Lashley, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative, yeas 26, nays 39.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to the records in the office of the register of wills in Harford county, the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets in the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes, the bill to alter and change the names of James Clerk, and Margaret Russel his wife, and of their children,

the bill authorising the city commissioners to open and extend Water-street in the city of Baltimore, the bill to freighten and amend part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore, the additional supplement to the act to appoint commissioners to examine, survey and lay out, the road therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass"; which were ordered to be engrossed;

the bill for the benefit of Philip Green and Jacob Green, the bill for the relief of Samuel Wright, the bill for founding a college in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of Baltimore College, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments"; which amendments were read;

the bill for the benefit of William Henry Lansdale and Thomas Reeder Lansdale, the additional supplementary act to the act for the relief of creditors, and to prevent frauds and deceipts occasioned by secret sales, mortgages and gifts, of goods and chattels, severally endorsed, "will not pass"; the resolution in favour of William Singleton and George Johnston, endorsed, "assented to"; which was ordered to be engrossed;

the resolution in favour of Delwood Hicks, the resolution in favour of Elizabeth Barrow, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendments"; which amendments were read;

the bill for the benefit of William Henry Lansdale and Thomas Reeder Lansdale, the additional supplementary act to the act for the relief of creditors, and to prevent frauds and deceipts occasioned by secret sales, mortgages and gifts, of goods and chattels, severally endorsed, "will not pass"; the resolution in favour of Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, the resolution in favour of Thomas Johnson, severally endorsed, "dissented from"; and the following message, with the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

Gentlemen,

Agreeably to the request contained in your message of the 24th instant, we have reconsidered the amendments proposed by us to the bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and have agreed to recede from the fourteenth amendment, but still adhere to the third.

Which was read.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 1803.

The message and resolutions respecting the government-house were sent to the senate.

Mr. Calvert delivers a bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Priscilla Howerton, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Chapman delivers a bill for the benefit of Arthur Thompson; which was read.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a bill for the support of Elizabeth Odell and Elizabeth Randall, of Montgomery county; which was read the first and second time, passed; and sent to the senate.

Petitions from Stephen Wilson and Edward Dennis, of Baltimore county, for acts of insolvency, were preferred and read.

The amendments to the bill for founding a college in the city or precincts of Baltimore, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Tomlinson delivers a bill to correct a mistake in the patent granted for lots number two thousand two hundred and one, two thousand two hundred and three, and two thousand two hundred and four, of the lands westward of Fort Cumberland; which was read the first and second time, passed; and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Rockville, against the petitioners; which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill to repeal the seventeenth section of the act for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county; which was read.

The amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the bill respecting the debts due to this state, and the amount thereof, and for other purposes.